

GOODWILL TOWNSHIP

St. Louis County, Minnesota
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Goodwill Town Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026

Board Members Present: Supervisors: John Jordan, Bill Michaelson; Treasurer Jessica Arjavec, Clerk Pam Olson
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Rock Gillson
Other's Present: Pam Towle

Call to Order: Chairman Jordan called the Goodwill Town Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade conference room located at 8025 Oak Narrows Road, Cook, MN. The pledge was recited and roll call taken.

Consent Agenda: Supervisor Jordan requested that the Claims List for Approval be removed from the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve the consent agenda excluding the Claims List for Approval; Chairman Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion carried 2-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:		
Approval of March 17, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes		
Claims List for Approval 3/18-4/21/26	Claims #024-031	\$2,672.22
Payroll Treasurer Final	1 items	\$87.50
Acknowledge hours thru 3/31/26	3 item	329.5 hours
Treasurer's Report & Bank Reconciliation ending 3/31/26 – Balance \$61,357.83		

RAMS: Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve \$430.00 to join RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools); Chair Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion carried 2-0.

SLCATO: Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve joining the St. Louis County Association of Township Officials (SLCATO) for \$163.10; Chair Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion passed 2-0.

Claims List for Approval: Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve the entire Claims List for Approval; Chair Jordan seconded. The claims approved were #024-031 in the amount of \$2,672.22 The motion carried by a vote of 2-0.

Treasurer report: Treasurer Arjavec provided the board with Receipts and Disbursements Registers and reported that the bank balance as of 3/31/26 was \$61,357.83 with three outstanding checks totaling \$363.00.

Supervisor reports: Chair Jordan informed the board there will be a RAMS day at the capital; that he responded to an email regarding PILT payments that will be mailed to the township to pass through to the Fire Brigade; and detailed the corrections the clerk had been directed to make to the board meeting minutes.

Resolution #2026-05: Supervisor Michaelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 Designating a Liaison and Alternate Liaison for the 2026 Road Contractor Services Agreement with Josh Antus Construction. Chair Jordan seconded the motion which carried unanimously. (Full resolution on file.)

2026 Road Contractor Services Agreement: Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve the 2026 Road Contractor Services Agreement with Josh Antus Construction; Chair Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion carried 2-0.

Contracting with Interested Officer: The board considered gravel quotes from Riley Sand and Gravel to be used in emergency road situations. Class 5 - \$12.50/yd; pit run - \$6/yd; black tailings - \$50/yd. The topic of contracting with an interest officer (Rock Gillson) was tabled until Supervisor Gillson was present.

Compensation & Reimbursement Policy: Supervisor Michaelson moved to approve the new Compensation and Reimbursement Policy dated 4/21/2026; Chair Jordan seconded. Changes included adding the definition for Township Employees, updating & clarifying payrates, ESST and Paid Leave benefits, compensation schedule, and spending limits for purchasing budgeted items. All ayes; motion carried 2-0.

Paid Leave Policy: The board initially approved the Paid Leave Policy on November 18, 2025 with the understanding that the rate would be .66%, but the state considered the town to be a large employer (at .88%) since there were no historical reports as a basis. Also, any paid leave contributions made by the township in excess of 50% would be considered taxable income. Supervisor Michaelson moved to change the Paid Leave Policy to 50%. The motion died for lack of a second. To stand by the agreements made with the employees, the board made no changes to the existing Paid Leave Policy.

Additional payroll: Supervisor Michaelson moved to pay payroll for \$91.68 for Jessica Arjavec; Chair Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion carried 2-0.

Request for Early Distribution: Supervisor Michaelson moved to ask for the early distribution of the tax levy. Chair Jordan seconded the motion which carried 2-0. Approximately 70% of the amounts collected through May 15, 2026 will be distributed on June 18th with the balance to be made on July 3rd.

Surplus Services: Chair Jordan moved to let the clerk apply for a Surplus Services account; Supervisor Michaelson seconded. There is a MN State Agency for Surplus Services in Arden Hills that the township may purchase reasonably priced used equipment for town use. The motion carried 2-0.

Resolution #2026-06: Supervisor Michaelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 Adopting the 2026 Budget; Chair Jordan seconded. All ayes; motion carried 2-0. The 2026 budget covers

expenses for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The total budget was \$350,166.60 split by the General Fund at \$251,167.00 and Road & Bridge Fund at \$99,000.00. (Full resolution on file.)

Consideration of initial appeals at LBAE reconvened meeting: Chair Jordan moved that for property owners who show up for an initial hearing at a reconvened Local Board of Appeal & Equalization, the board shall take action; Supervisor Michaelson seconded. The motion passed 2-0. Upon further consideration, Chair Jordan moved to redact the previous motion and change the policy that if any property owner in the township who shows up at the reconvened meeting for the first time will be heard, but no action shall be taken. Supervisor Michaelson seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

Logos: Chair Jordan shared copies of several options that had been submitted for a township logo. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Supervisor Michaelson moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Jordan seconded. All in favor and motion passed 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved on May 19, 2026

John Jordan, Chairman

Attest:

Pamela Olson, Clerk